GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ARTIFICIAL CORNEAS
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scientists have developed the artificial corneas for restoring the sight of blind people as reported in the leading newspapers of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of persons likely to be benefited due to this achievement; and

(d) the time by which the artificial corneas are likely to be made available in India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (d) Research on development of corneal equivalents is still being carried out in laboratories. It is expected to take some more time before clinical trials are undertaken. Current practice to get corneas from donor eyes is likely to continue to treat corneal blindness during the foreseeable future.